

HOUSE BILL NO. 12

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPHSON

Introduced: 1/19/23

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to municipal regulation of trapping; and providing for an effective
2 date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.930 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (h) This chapter does not prevent a municipality from regulating the practice
6 of trapping within its boundaries, to the extent authorized under AS 29.35.052.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 29.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 **Sec. 29.35.052. Regulation of trapping.** (a) A municipality may regulate
9 trapping to protect persons and property within its boundaries and may exempt
10 trappers from municipal trapping ordinances for good cause. Ordinances a
11 municipality may enact under this section include ordinances that impose

- 12 (1) trap identification requirements;
- 13 (2) signage or other notice requirements for set or placed traps;
- 14 (3) restrictions on the use of types of traps likely to cause injury or

1 damage to persons or property, including domestic animals;

2 (4) prohibitions on the setting or placement of traps in areas or
3 locations where they are likely to cause injury or damage to persons or property.

4 (b) This section applies to home rule and general law municipalities.

5 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits the

6 (1) Department of Environmental Conservation from exercising its
7 powers to stop the spread of disease;

8 (2) Department of Fish and Game from exercising its powers to
9 manage the state's fish and wildlife; or

10 (3) Department of Public Safety from exercising its powers to protect
11 public health and safety.

12 (d) In this section, "trapping" has the meaning given in AS 16.05.940.

13 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.